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Title: Construction and naming of International Airport at Devanhally near Bangalore.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMARAJANAGAR) : Sir, Bangalore is the silicon city of India. More than 150 legislatures have urged the centre to name the Bangalore International Airport as 'Kempe Gowda International Airport'. Earlier many political leaders from Karnataka including our JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda had urged the center so that a statue of Kempe Gowda should be installed in the premises of Parliament. A number of Kempe Gowda memorials in Bangalore are in a dilapidated condition and the Tourism Ministry has done nothing about this. I am mentioning this with deep anguish. Kempe Gowda is the founder father of Bangalore. His BENDAKALOORU is today's Bangalore, which has become Bangaluru very recently. His daughter-in-law a pregnant young lady jumped into the overflowing dam in the midnight and saved the dam and all surrounding villages.

Now, seven crore Kannadigas are celebrating "Suvarna Karnataka" to commemorate the jubilant moments of the united Karnataka's birthday on 1.11.1956. It will be a glorious tribute to Kempe Gowda who sacrificed his family to build and develop Bangalore, Magadi and their surrounding areas. I request the Hon. Prime Minister to make this announcement in this House at the earliest, and declare Bangalore International Airport as KEMPEGOWDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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*English Translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.